



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 368-00

5 May 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 3 May 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps for four years on 19 December 1994 at age 19. You subsequently extended your enlistment for nine months. The record reflects that you received two nonjudicial punishments. The offenses included unauthorized absences totalling two days, making a false official statement, two instances of forgery, and obtaining services under false pretenses.

On 4 November 1998 the commanding officer recommended that you be separated with an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. When informed of the recommendation, you elected to waive your right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved on 12 December 1998. It appears that you were discharged with an other than honorable discharge shortly thereafter. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4. The exact date of discharge is unknown since there is no Certificate of Discharge or Release for Active Duty (DD form

214) in your record. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your record of frequent involvement with military authorities. The Board especially noted the fact that you were the subject of two disciplinary actions within a period of less than four years. In this regard, the Board also noted that your record reflects the serious offenses of theft and forgery. Therefore, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted.

Regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to misconduct. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of your reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director